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BROWNBACK JOINS WTO TRADE CAUCUS FOR FARMERS AND RANCHERS

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback today announced that he has joined the WTO Trade Caucus for Farmers and Ranchers.

The goal of the Caucus is to identify and advance the trade priorities of family farmers and ranchers for the upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) round, which begins in late November in Seattle. It will emphasize the need to expand market opportunities for American agriculture and tackle the unfair trade practices that hurt family farmers.

“This bipartisan pro-agriculture Caucus will benefit farmers all across Kansas,” Brownback said. “We must insist that there is a level playing field. Farm exports are essential to a sound domestic agricultural economy. This Caucus will attempt to highlight major priorities for U. S. trade negotiators before a final agreement is reached. Hopefully this will present a unified trade agenda which cannot be ignored by our European trade partners,” Brownback said.

Other caucus members include U.S. Sens. Roberts, Craig, Dorgan, Lincoln, Hagel, Conrad, Durbin, Burns, Grams, Ashcroft, Crapo, Thomas, Wyden, Bingaman, and Daschle.